Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I have one or two instances?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Head of a Department may write a book and Government may allow its publication, or he may be requested by any University to act as its examiner.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was there any urgency to pass these orders in these times of depression?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no such urgency. But there is no reason to with-hold it.

Transfer of officers in the Medical Department.

56. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the transfers of officers in the Medical Department are made in the interests of the public or in the interests of the officers concerned?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Transfers are made in the interest of the Department.

Suspension of Dr. Kunjan Nayar.

57. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the reasons for suspending Dr. Kunjan Nayar;

(2) the period for which he is suspended;

(3) the length of his service in the State;

(4) whether there had been any complaints against him before this and if so what and when were they?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) For belabouring very severely a female lunatic.

(2) Suspended until further orders pending final decision of the Government on the charges against him.

(3) 12 years 10 months and 13 days.

(4) No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether there are cases in which corporal punishment is resorted to as a remedy for the lunatics?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are they, to the knowledge of the Chief Medical Officer, applied in any place?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In no place.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Have they conducted an inquiry in this matter?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There is no necessity for any inquiry because it was never allowed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know who reported about this matter?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was at a time when the Chief Medical Officer and the Diwan visited the Hospital, that the patient complained.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I take it that the patient is having lucid intervals from that time ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—From that time up to this. I have witnessed the patient four times.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Am I to take it that she had no lucid intervals ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—She was in her proper senses when she complained.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Had she any senses then ? May I know why the punishment was inflicted ? Was any explanation taken ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Explanation was taken.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Why was the punishment inflicted ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He inflicted the punishment for having thrown some matter over him.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—On what part of his body?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—On the face.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was he not correct ? How long after that did the Diwan visit the place?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Perhaps six or seven hours after.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—My information was she came to her senses when she got the beating. At what stage is the consideration of the Government about the punishment that ought to be meted out to the Medical Officer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is still under consideration. Orders have not been passed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Chief Medical Officer reported on that matter?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. E. IkkandaWarriar.—May I know what punishment he has recommended ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is confidential.

Dispensary for Pattancheri.

58. **Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any dispensary at Pattancheri for the benefit of the people in and around Pattancheri;

(b) if not will the Government consider the desirability of opening one at the earliest opportunity?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) No.

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